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In re Patent Application of

HAYNES et al

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Divisional of Appl. No. 09/775,805

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Examiner:

For: HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS VACCINE

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

It is hereby requested that the above-identified application be accorded "special" status (see MPEP 708.02(X)). The invention disclosed and claimed in this application relates to a method of inducing an immune response to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and to immunogenic compositions suitable for use in such a method. The invention thus provides an approach to protecting individuals receiving the immunogenic composition from infection from the AIDS virus.

The required fee set forth in 1.17(h) is submitted herewith.

A favorable decision on this Petition is requested.

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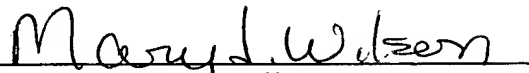
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